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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/06
 SPONSOR Chavez LAST UPDATED 2/13/06 HB 753
 SHORT TITLE UNM Chicano Studies Tenure Track Positions SB _____
 ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 501.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 753 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to expand the university's Chicano-Hispano-Mexicano studies program to provide for tenure track assistant professorships, lecturers, graduate assistants, community outreach and curriculum development staff.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the Higher Education Department, House Bill 753 is considered recurring because it proposes funding for salaries to hire tenure-track faculty members.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This request was not on the list of priority projects submitted by UNM to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and was not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY07. This line-item proposal was not included in the LFC's appropriation recommendations.

According to the Higher Education Department, the current budget of \$130,662 is funded by UNM.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 501 appropriates \$250,000 for a similar purpose as this bill. The only difference is that House Bill 753 (this bill) uses the word "staff" after "lecturers, graduate assistants, community outreach, and curriculum development. Senate Bill 501 does not.

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